

10/590993

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 29 AUG 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Atty Dkt. 3638-891  
C#/M#

SMITH et al.

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Serial No. To Be Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Date: August 29, 2006

Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A TELESCOPIC MATERIAL HANDLER FOR  
MANIPULATING A LOAD WITH FIVE DEGREES OF FREEDOM

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. One copy of the reference(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed within three (3) months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.
- This IDS is being filed more than three (3) months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
  - a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1).
    - a.1. I hereby certify that this communication was not received by any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d).
  - b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR§1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2).
  - c. Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Acct No. 14-1140 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.
- This IDS is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Attached is our check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 14-1140 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.
  - a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1).
    - a.1. I hereby certify that this communication was not received by any individual designated in Section 1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d).
  - b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR§1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this IDS. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(2).
- Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.
- The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix hereto.
- The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.
- Copies of the references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (filed \_\_\_\_\_), which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. Thus, Form PTO1449 is attached without copies of these references. 37 C.F.R.1.98(d).
- Other.  
901 North Glebe Road, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, Virginia 22203-1808  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100  
AMK:jls

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.  
By Atty: Alan M. Karpin, Reg. No. 36,178

Signature: Alan Karpin

1110713

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

10/590993  
IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 29 AUG 2006

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

**SERIAL NO.**

## CITATION

3638-891

### To Be Assigned

## APPENDIX

SMITH et al.

(Use several sheets if necessary)

**FILING DATE**

GROUP

## Concurrently Herewith

Not Yet Assigned

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

---

## TRANSLATION

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent pages, etc.)**

\*Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Date Considered \_\_\_\_\_

---

Digitized by srujanika@gmail.com

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**